



VOLUNTARY SECTOR LIAISON COMMITTEE - 18TH JUNE 2014

SUBJECT: ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

REPORT BY: SOUTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Between 1st January 2014 and 30th April 2014 there have been 244 Home Fire Safety Checks delivered to High Risk / Vulnerable households by Third Sector partner agencies.

Between 1st January and 30 Apr 14 Third Sector partner agencies have referred 66 high risk / vulnerable households to SWFRS for delivery of a FREE Home Fire Safety Check.

I am about to sign a new partnership arrangement with Caerphilly Social Services (Children's Services) for high risk / vulnerable referrals to be made to SWFRS for delivery of a FREE Home Fire Safety Check. This will be a 3-month trial in the Caerphilly North area (Rhymney / Bargoed) with a view to then rolling out across all of Caerphilly Borough.

SWFRS Fire Crime Unit (FCU) has recently identified an increase in the number of car fires across the Caerphilly Borough. There were 44 in year 2012-13 compared to 54 in year 2013-14. This has subsequently led to an increase in insurance premiums across the borough. The FCU are now working with the police to address this. Further information on this is fed in through Local Service Boards.

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